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(Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) or 1.97(e))

Docket No.
0267-1415CIP8In Re Application Of: **Frantz Germain et al.**Serial No.
09/812,875Filing Date
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Danny NguyenGroup Art Unit
2836Title: **RESET LOCKOUT FOR SLIDING LATCH GFCI**

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37 CFR 1.97(b)

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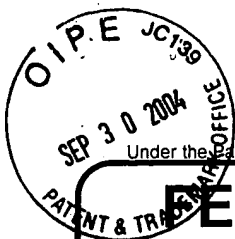
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1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

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	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	-20** =	X	
Independent Claims	-3** =	X	
Multiple Dependent			

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1203	290	2203	145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	2204	43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
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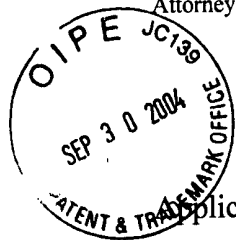
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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are provided.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in the attached Form PTO-/SB/08A be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

Applicants would also like to bring the Examiner's attention to the following commonly owned co-pending U.S. Letters Patents and Pending Patent Applications:

Serial No.: 10/909,610 filed : 08/02/2004

Serial No.: 10/747,484 filed : 12/29/2003

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Patent No.: 6,717,782	issued : 06/04/2004
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Patent No.: 6,646,838	issued : 11/11/2003
Serial No.: 10/702,571	filed : 11/06/2003
Patent No.: 6,381,112	issued : 04/30/2002
Serial No.: 10/613,667	filed : 07/03/2003
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Serial No.: 10/724,973	filed : 12/01/2003
Serial No.: 10/166,338	filed : 03/21/2001
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Serial No.: 09/175,228	filed : 10/20/1998 (abandoned)
Patent No.: 6,246,558	issued : 06/12/2001
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Serial No.: 09/829,339	filed : 04/09/2001
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Serial No.: PCT/US99/19319	publication date: 03-02-2000
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Serial No.: PCT/US01/32562	publication date: 04-25-2002

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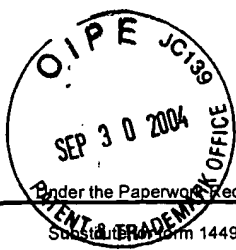
Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

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	5	US- 6,437,700	08-2002	Herzfeld et al.	
	6	US- 6,671,145	12-2003	Germain et al.	
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	12	US- 6,657,834	12-2003	DiSalvo	
	13	US- 5,625,285	04-1997	Virgilo et al.	
	14	US- 4,967,308	10-1990	Morse	
	15	US- 5,600,524	02-1997	Neiger et al.	
	16	US- 5,694,280	12-1997	Zhou	
	17	US- 5,847,913	12-1998	Turner et al.	
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	36	US- 4,574,260	03-1986	Terry E. Franks	
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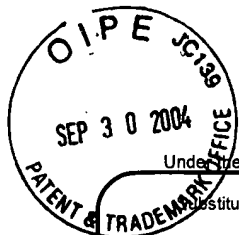
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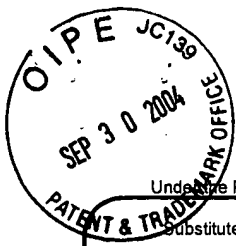
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